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To Whom It May Concern:

I am the owner of a pet shipping company. My company does shipments of any pet anywhere in the continental United States. We have been in business for approximately two years, and have had very few problems shipping pets by this method. I would like to address the proposed FAA rule that would make airlines report all incidents involving pets, and hold them accountable for fatalities and injuries.

Due to my interest in the safe shipment of all pets, I believe that the proposed government regulations are right on target in the requirements that would be set forth if the law were to be put into effect. The broad spectrum that this rule covers would ensure airline and agent accountability when there is an incident involving any pet, be it cat, dog, or otherwise. The burden that would be put on air carriers would be well worth the peace of mind that would be given to people who are shipping their pets. The cost of keeping all animals safe and healthy is a very small concern to people like myself, and my company, who truly care.

All species of animals should, in my opinion, be covered by this rule. The public should be made aware that there are other methods of moving their pets, and the airlines should be required to record and report anything detrimental that occurs during their shipments. The airlines should be required to record and report incidents whether a complaint is filed or not. If the incident occurs, it should be made public. If the person who owns the affected pet wishes to remain anonymous, that is understandable, but the airline should keep a non-public record that includes both the name of the person and the pet involved. Reports should list all parties involved in the incident, no matter what role they played.

I understand that there are organizations that are submitting letters in opposition to this rule, and hope that the US Government will stand firm in its position that someone should finally be held accountable for the severe, inhumane treatment that animals receive when shipped by air.

Yours truly,

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